

## **Ferdinand L. Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, November 29, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **FERDINAND L. CLAIBORNE TO JACKSON.**

Camp East bank of the Alabama 85 miles above Fort Stoddert, November 29, 1813.

*Dear General* , I this moment received a letter by Express from Col. Bowyer of the 2d Regmt. U. S. Infantry, a copy of which I hasten to forward you. It needs no comments, It speaks plainly for itself. The Volunteers and a part of the local Militia under my command, reached this place on the 16th. Inst. and the next day about noon, crossed the river on Rafts. I took a position naturally strong, and immediately commenced a fortification, of a quadrangular form two hundred feet square, supported by three block houses and a half moon battery, fronting and commanding the river. The Works are now nearly completed. The fields in this neighbourhood are very extensive, and afford imence 26 crops of corn and pumpkins, so that if your time will admit, and you can make your way to the place your cavalry may here fatten. The third Regiment U. S. Infantry commanded by Lieut. Col. Russell joined me yesterday. The boats which convey for the use of your troops about seven hundred barrels of provision, will arrive here in a day or two. As soon as land transportation can be procured, a movement towards the Creek towns on Cahaba is contemplated. My Partizans have not been inactive. A Detachment of the Mississippi Dragoons under Majr. Hinds, surprized and killed ten of the enemy. On the 11th. Capt Jones, was ordered with a detachment of sixty volunteers and militia to make a brisk movement to cut off some creeks who it was supposed were on the Alabama collecting provisions. The next day he fell in with two parties of the enemy which he routed, killing nine warriors without sustaining any loss. The handsome affair of Genl Coffee's was heard of here, a few days ago, and the whole Camp hailed the event as an auspicious

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one. The Genl and the brave Tennessee'ans who acted with him deserve well of us as Missississippians and of the Government of the UStates. Accept General my esteem and respect

We will wait a few days at this place before we move *forward* to hear more from below and 'tis probable we shall be obliged to retrograde in that case the deposit of provision will be made *here* and a very strong garrison left.